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REPLY NEEDED BY: ASAP		

INFORMATION NEEDED: Is Siemens an acceptable solutions provider for the Direct Digital Controls system for this project?	
REPLY: Yes, the DDC system can be provided by other manufacturers such as Siemens. The existing system is Johnson Controls Metasys, you would be integrating into that system.	
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RFI NO.: 02	DATE:	SPEC/DWG. REFERENCE: Drawing Pg. 18 of 60 01-MD102/Spec pg 028213.13-1 1.1.2 Extent of Work
REPLY NEEDED BY:		

INFORMATION NEEDED
Is the upgrade surgical area being done in one phase for the asbestos abatement?
Is there an asbestos survey available? I did not see one attached to the bid specs and the asbestos is only identified in the 1.1.2 Extent of Work section and on a drawing.
SOW for abatement work identified 125 LF of 2" pipe insulation and 25 fittings 2"-6" diameter, and located in surgery suite area in walls and above ceilings. Is this the only asbestos abatement required for this specific project?

REPLY:
The surgery area will be turned over to the contractor, it is up to the contractor how they will phase it.
Asbestos survey is posted as amendment.
The amounts as listed in the specifications is the bid baseline and shall be bid as outlined in the specifications.

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INFORMATION NEEDED:

1. Please reference the Project description in the Solicitation tells us That the Contractor shall as specified in Section 01000 General Requirements to Provide trailers for the owner. Spec Section 010000 General Requirements page 3 / 1.1 item C tells us that Trailers are to be furnished by the owner. Please clarify.

REPLY:

Trailers are furnished by the government. The temporary setup is handled through a separate project.

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INFORMATION NEEDED:	
Please reference 010000-32 General Requirements 1.32A TB Testing. It is assumed that the VA hospital will provide, at no cost to the GC the TB Testing called for in the above referenced section.	
REPLY:	
The VA does not provide this testing.	
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INFORMATION NEEDED:

Can the GC use their in house Scheduler in lieu of the required independent 3rd party CPM Consultant as stated in section 013216.13-1-1.3. As long as the scheduler can meet all the requirements stated there in? Please advise.

REPLY:

Yes, as long as the scheduler meets the requirements, that would be acceptable.

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INFORMATION NEEDED: Please reference A-702 Key note #1. The drawings show floor patching where the existing walls are to be removed. We believe that these areas of patching that will be required is more than a mere skim coating, it is actually approx 2.5" deep x the width of the wall to be removed. There is a substantial difference in cost than skim coating. Please provide additional information on the depth of the floor area that we are to patch and with what material.	
REPLY: Provide skim coat of latex modified concrete patching material up to 1/2 – inch thick. If greater depth is found to be required by field conditions, submit a request for information at that time.	
REPLY FROM: WTM Architects: John Reis	DATE: 9/17/2012
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RFI NO.: 07	DATE: 9-11-12	SPEC/DWG. REFERENCE:
REPLY NEEDED BY: ASAP		

INFORMATION NEEDED: Is there any Asbestos floor tile and or mastic / Adhesives that needs to be abated / removed.	
REPLY: No tile or mastic is listed on the Asbestos report for the work area.	
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INFORMATION NEEDED: Will the contract get adjusted for any quantities over or under what is listed in spec section 028213.13-1-1.1.2-B, as it relates to in wall piping that cannot be quantified at this time.	
REPLY: Bid in accordance with the specification section.	
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INFORMATION NEEDED:

Terrazzo is noted on Dwg A-702 note #36, there is no spec section for Terrazzo in spec book, please issue the spec section.

REPLY:

Terrazzo work is mainly patching / infill work. Intent is for the patch to match existing adjacent installation. Contractor will be required to field verify existing conditions and installation methods in the field. Attached is a terrazzo specification for reference, but it does not supercede the requirement to match existing terrazzo.

REPLY FROM: WTM Architects: John Reis	DATE: 9/17/2012
ATTACHMENTS: Section 096613 Terrazzo	COPY TO:

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INFORMATION NEEDED: Stainless steel shelving is shown on drawings, please provide spec section for the Stainless Steel Shelving..	
REPLY: Stainless steel shelving is specified under Section 10 28 00, see Part 2 – Products, 2.15. Detail 18/A-706 shows intended profile.	
REPLY FROM: WTM Architect: John Reis	DATE: 9/17/2012
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INFORMATION NEEDED:

Reference Dwg A-703, room 3328A; Elevation A, B, C, D, are not shown on the Elevation Dwg A-710. Please advise.

REPLY:

The elevations indicated above are shown on Drawing A-710.

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INFORMATION NEEDED:

Our subcontractors have been asking for a Bid due Date extension to at least the 25th. Can the VA please accommodate this request of the Subcontractors and the General Contractors? Please advise.

REPLY:

We have provided a new bid opening date within this amendment.

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RFI NO.: 13	DATE: 9-11-12	SPEC/DWG. REFERENCE:
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INFORMATION NEEDED:

Please reference Dwg EL-101; Light fixture type 10 says to remove, but what goes back in its place & who is to furnish and install the fixture? What type is the new fixture? Please advise.

REPLY:

There is no light fixture Type 10 on EL-101. We would assume the reference is to Keyed Note 10 on ED-101 to remove the x-ray film illuminator. Drawing EL-101 fixture Type "P" is the new x-ray film viewer.

REPLY FROM: MacMillan Associates, Inc. Jay W. Fox, P.E.	DATE: 9/19/12
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INFORMATION NEEDED:

Please reference 01-SF102 Detail 1; Who is to furnish and install the light supports? Note says Stryker? Is this an Owner furnished owner installed of/oi, of/ci, or cf/ci? As nothing is noted in the specs. Please provide additional information for Spec Section 265571-1 Medical & Surgical Lights. Please provide additional information on Stryker?

REPLY:

The supports are specified under Section 05-50-00 Metal Fabrications. Omit reference to specific light manufacturer (Stryker). Detail to indicate “Surgical light manufacturer’s standard interface plate” where currently a Stryker interface plate is shown.

The new O.R. light fixture Type “N” is contractor furnished and installed. The light fixture schedule is on the drawings and shall coordinate with Specification Section 265571-1 Medical and Surgical Light. The interface panel and associated supports shall be furnished and installed by the General Trades per 01-SF102 Detail 1

REPLY FROM: WTM Architects: John Reis MAI : Jay W. Fox	DATE: 9/17/2012 9/19/2012
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INFORMATION NEEDED:
Please reference dwg. EP101 & ET101; Key note 6&7 says to “Chop & Channel” existing Marble walls? Please elaborate the intent of “Chop & Channel” Who is responsible to patch the Marble? And with what Material, Please provide Spec section for work on existing Marble.

REPLY:
Neatly sawcut existing marble wall panels as needed to run conduits and accommodate electrical doxes / devices. Marble is being covered by gypsum board so patching of marble is not required.

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INFORMATION NEEDED: Please clarify Section 101123 Tack boards; Calls for tack boards and glass door bulletin boards, but these items are not shown on drawings. Are these items to be used in this project? Please advise.	
REPLY: Omit this Specifications Section. To be provided by others.	
REPLY FROM: WTM Architects: John Reis	DATE: 9/17/2012
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INFORMATION NEEDED: Please Clarify section 122400 (Window Shades) calls for fabric roller window shades, but no openness factor, light transmission, or fabric information is given. Please specify.	
REPLY: Provide 3% openness factor dense basketweave for the light control shades. Color to be selected from manufacturer's full range. The vinyl faced room darkening shades have zero openness factor.	
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INFORMATION NEEDED: Is there is a potential for a betterment for this project? is there any way to list this on the current bid form or what would the appropriate way to state a betterment? Please advise.	
REPLY: Those are handled as value engineering and would be done during construction phase.	
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INFORMATION NEEDED:
Please reference dwg A-703 key notes 19 & 20. These notes call for vertical and horizontal head wall units, do we need to match the hospitals existing head wall equipment supplier? In addition, there is no spec section for these head wall units. Please provide information.

REPLY: Please reference specification section 10 25 13 for the head wall unit requirements. As clarification the medical gas outlet information noted in specification section 10 25 13 for the vertical headwall units is incorrect. Please refer to mechanical drawing 01-MP102 for the correct number and type of medical gas outlets to be installed in each vertical head wall unit. Also the original specification section 10 25 13 describing the headwall requirements omitted the horizontal headwall units. Refer to the revised (bolded text) section for the description and requirements for the horizontal headwall unit

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RFI NO.: 20	DATE: 9/14/12	SPEC/DWG. REFERENCE: 230923-32, 2.10 Special Controllers, A.
REPLY NEEDED BY: ASAP		

INFORMATION NEEDED:
The specifications call for room pressure monitors in the O.R.'s and laboratories; However, the floor plans and control drawings do not show them. Are they required?
If they are required, please provide a sequence of operation.

REPLY:
Yes, the OR's require room pressure monitors. The pressure differential shall be measured between the OR and corridor. The monitor shall display the differential pressure, be stand alone, alarms (audible and visual), as well as monitored at the EMS (analog input), with alarm . Alarm shall be with adjustable delays, and the monitor shall have the capability to be de-activated when room is not in use.

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PROJECT NUMBER:	655-10-101	Please ensure that before submitting questions or requests for clarification that you thoroughly read the solicitation, specifications, drawings and other pertinent documents. When submitting questions on this project the Government requires contractors to specifically identify the specification and/or solicitation section(s) or drawing number(s) in reference to the question or request for clarification submitted. No question or request for clarification will be answered by the Government unless the above requirements are met. Failure to comply may prevent the Government from responding in a timely manner.	
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RFI NO.: 21	DATE: 09/11/2012	SPEC/DWG. REFERENCE: Drawing page 01-MB101 General Note # 4
REPLY NEEDED BY: 09/12/2012		

INFORMATION NEEDED: General Note 4 references an asbestos survey attached in the appendix section of the specifications. The specifications do not include an appendix section or asbestos survey. Please advise.	
REPLY: See Attached Asbestos Report	
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